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Ref- A. EASA-621
B. EASW-213

1. As requested in reference B, we are attaching a revised budget prepared by Grossbahn and amended by us. He made no recommendation for an increase for himself (under CC-1)--the 8,500 AS, representing a 17% increase, is our insertion.

2. We feel Grossbahn's comments in paragraph one of his report are valid. We have no supporting statistics at hand but, judging from our own experiences, we feel he has understated the rise in cost of living since the summer of 1951, by setting the increase at 50%.

3. Note that we have included CC-4 in the new budget, although clearance has not as yet come through on her. We presume we can expect her clearance at any time in the near future and thus it appears a sound idea to include her salary. We have also added the salary of CC-5, on whom POC was received in DIR 01048. XX-1 is still carried in the new figures, though we do expect his transfer to RFE to come about shortly. When he leaves, naturally, the budget will be reduced accordingly.

4. The allowance for transportation we have eliminated entirely as the 900 AS set in the budget in reference B was entirely too low. Some misunderstanding seems to have crept into this 900 AS offer, for in actuality it was strictly a one-shot affair which Grossbahn had to snap up on the spot or pass up entirely. Today, it is impossible to arrange for the rental of a car for this figure. We have deleted this item from the new budget for we are in the throes of attempting to work out something else locally and will report on this matter separately.

5. The regular budget totals 45,350 AS monthly, which we calculate at \$1,744.23 in dollar equivalents. Grossbahn does draw a certain amount of miscellaneous PX supplies which he uses as gifts to unregistered sources and persons of peripheral aid. These purchases average about \$20.00 per month. The value of the gasoline and cigarettes he has listed is \$30.00 and \$50.00 per month respectively. This means the total dollar equivalents, per month, for the Grossbahn operation, should be calculated at \$1,844.23. We express the total sums involved in dollar equivalents due to the fact that currencies required by the operation vary from month to month and we do not wish to be restricted by having the entire budget on a set schilling basis. While the bulk of currency required each month will be Austrian schillings, expressing in dollar equivalents, we feel, will leave us free to substitute other currencies as specific needs arise. Advice would be appreciated if there is any objection to this scheme.

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6. We will furnish a breakdown on the individual salaries in the AA and PP groups in the near future.

7. We have agreed with Grossbahn to attempt to work out the proposed salary increases by 1 June 1953. He feels, and we agree, that the raises, which actually are long overdue, will give a much needed boost in general morale. In order that we might keep our word with Grossbahn, request that Headquarters indicate their approval of the revised budget by cable.

RCM.

Attachment:

Grossbahn memo, 26 March 1953

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